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METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
CONTINUOUS CASTING OF METALS

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action of January 15, 2002
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claim 1 as follows:

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--1. (amended) A method of continuously casting
metals, comprising applying a non-moving, vibrating magnetic
field having a frequency no greater than 65 Hz to a molten metal
in a casting mold to impose only vibration on the molten metal.--

Amend claim 13 as follows:

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--13. (amended) A method of continuously casting
metals, comprising intermittently applying a static magnetic
field in a thickness direction of a cast slab with a frequency of
0.1 to 60 Hz.--

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